

## Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.,

June 1, 1899

Messrs. E. Walker,

Gen'l. Manager Canadian Bank of Commerce,

Toronto, Canada.

Replying to yours of the 1st of June, I would say that the law requires that depositors shall be paid in money and therefore they have a right to demand such payment. The office at Seattle, however, was established hurriedly and there being no public building there, it was located in a common store room. Under the circumstances we do not like to keep large sums of money in that Assay Office, and a depositor knowing his rights is willing to accept a draft or check on the local bank we prefer to pay by these methods.

It is quite impracticable to keep large sums, such as you name at the office at Seattle, but we will endeavor to meet your demand promptly as possible, and I presume it will be possible to do so without inconveniencing you.

It is the policy of the Government to extend the same treatment to depositors at Assay Offices that is given at the Mints, except

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there is, as you doubtless understand, an extra charge of  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent at all Assay Offices.

Respectfully yours,

*Wm E. Ralston*

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,  
Bureau of the Mint,  
Washington, D. C.

June 5, 1899

B. E. Walker,  
Gen'l. Manager Canadian Bank of Commerce,  
Toronto, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 1st of June, I would say that the law contemplates that depositors shall be paid in money and therefore they have a right to demand such payment. The office at Seattle, however, was established hurriedly and there being no public building there, it was located in a common store room. Under the circumstances we do not like to keep large sums of money in that Assay Office, and a depositor knowing his rights is willing to accept a draft or check on the local bank we prefer, to pay by these methods.

It is quite impracticable to keep large sums, such as you name at the office at Seattle, but we will endeavor to meet your demand as promptly as possible, and I presume it will be possible to do so without inconveniencing you.

It is the policy of the Government to extend the same treatment to depositors at Assay Offices that is given at the Mints, except where there is, as you doubtless understand, an extra charge of  $\frac{1}{4}$  percent at all Assay Offices.

Respectfully yours,  
[Signature] George E. Roberts  
Director of the Mint.

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